and reduced to Rs. 15,000/- for business ventures.

(ii) A minimum of 30 per cent of the sanctions has been reserved for S.C./S.T. beneficiaries.

(iii) A ceiling income of Rs. 10,000/- per family per annum has been fixed as eligibility criteria under the scheme.

(iv) ITI passed youth in the eligible age group have been made eligible to set up industrial and service ventures under this scheme.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Poultry is registered as industry under Central Investment Subsidy scheme.

(e) The objectives of the schemes are different.

(f) Instructions have been issued to the banks not to ask for collateral security under Self-Employment Scheme for Educated Unemployed Youth.

(g) Question does not arise.

Establishment of a fund to finance research projects

@3267. PROF. B. RAMACHANDRA-RAO:
SHRI ADINARAYANA REDDY:
SHRI G. SWAMY NAIK:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have decided in principle to establish a special fund to finance research projects on a risk-sharing basis with industry;

(b) whether DGTD has identified the areas where research could be undertaken;

(c) whether the fund would be available for indigenisation of existing industries, besides developing new technologies; and

(d) whether DGTD has technology bank monitoring mechanism, supported by strong management system, to help domestic industry to develop indigenous technology?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) No, Sir.

(c) As no decision has yet been taken on the establishment of the Fund, it is not possible to indicate its application.

(b) and (d) DGTD is actively engaged *inter alia* in the promotion of industrial and technological development, technology upgradation, identification of technology gaps and through them areas of further development and research, import substitution etc. It maintains a close interaction with the industry and entrepreneurs.

Proposals to set up projects in backward districts of A.P.

3268. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal pending approval of the Government for setting up a telephone cables plant and/or a polyester yarn project in the backward districts of Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the proposal and the reasons for delay in according the approval?

@Previously Unstarred Question 3044, transferred from the 20th August, 1987.